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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister draws a salary of Rs. 1,000 a month and also a house rent allowance and a conveyance allowance of Rs. 250 each."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Is it dignified for an ex-Governor-General of India to be the Chief Minister of a disintegrating State? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not stand on such dignities, Sir." (Laughter.)

SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER :—" Is it a fact that His Excellency the Governor stated at Salem that the Hon. Chief Minister was serving without receiving any salary, a practice which he could not himself follow? Was this statement of His Excellency the Governor contradicted by the Hon. Chief Minister? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is true that the Governor made a wrong statement."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Hon. Chief Minister's claim for his pay was objected to by the Accountant-General? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir."

Dispute between Ambi's Cafe, Madras, and its workers.

* 216 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have refused to refer the disputes between the Ambi's Cafe, Madras, and its workers to a Tribunal?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At first the Government considered that there was no case for adjudication but later, on representations received, the case is again under the consideration of the Government. The representation of the President of the State Labour Union is again under consideration of the Government and the Commissioner of Labour has been asked to see if conciliation could once again be attempted."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAY :—" May I know which official of the Government was responsible for the delay of four months in replying to the protests of the Union with regard to the discriminatory treatment, and may I also know whether the Government will give the reason for this delay? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I want notice of the question, Sir."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Certain industrial disputes which arose in the hotel industry were referred to the Industrial Tribunal, which gave an award. If disputes arose after the award, the Government have been urging the employers to voluntarily accept the recommendations of the Tribunal and grant the wage-scales recommended by the Tribunal. If they refused to do

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this, then the Government referred such cases to the Tribunal. The result of this is that there have been a number of lock-outs in the hotel industry in the City of Madras. So, will the Government consider the advisability of referring all the disputes, existing and apprehended, in the hotel industry in Madras to the Tribunal? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member knows that the correct procedure is conciliation and then adjudication. I do not know what other remedy the hon. Member suggests."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" On what basis do the Government come to a conclusion regarding the reference of a dispute to a Tribunal? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" When an industrial dispute arises, it is generally referred for conciliation, and if the Government feel that there is a case made out and if the other party does not agree to the conciliation then we refer the matter to a Tribunal."

SRI LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Are these workers referred to in the question, affiliated to the All-India Trade Union Congress or the All-India National Trade Union Congress? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Union that has raised the question in the present case is a socialist-sponsored organisation, viz., the Madras State Labour Union."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is the dispute still continuing and if so, may I know whether it has caused any dislocation to the consumers of that locality? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no dislocation to the consumers. But the dispute has not yet been finally settled and the Government are taking one more chance and hope that conciliation will succeed "

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAY :—" The Hon. Minister has not answered a previous question, viz., why there was delay of four months in initiating conciliation proceedings in spite of the fact that the Union concerned had made a protest? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid I cannot answer the question straightaway. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I may be able to answer."

Sanction of advances to district boards.

* 217 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the district boards have been requesting the Government for temporary advances to enable them to meet their normal expenditure pending adjustments of their normal annual receipts ; and

(*b*) if so, what the action taken by Government thereon is?